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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: US DIALOGUE WITH EC-NINE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: QUAI OFFICIAL HAS SUGGESTED TO US
THAT THE US DIALOGUE WITH THE EC-NINE COULD BE USED TO
SPELL OUT MORE CLEARLY YOUR CONCEPTUAL VIEW OF U.S. LONG-
TERM INTERESTS AND POLICIES REGARDING GREECE AND CYPRUS.
I RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT
DURING YOUR MEETING WITH SAUVAGNARGUES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN COURSE OF INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH BOBBY DE MAR-
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GERIE (QUAI DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS) AT DINNER

LAST NIGHT (SEPTEMBER 18), EMBOFF NOTED OUR APPRECIATION FOR PUAUX'S DETAILED BRIEFING ON EC-NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 16 (REFTEL), AND ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECTS WHICH THE FRENCH -- IN THEIR CAPACITY AS EC PRESIDENT -- THOUGHT SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND EC NINE. DE MARGERIE RESPONDED WITH ALACRITY. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC-NINE PRESIDENCY ON THE SUBJECTS OF GREECE AND CYPRUS WOULD HELP TO CLARIFY IN THE MINDS OF THE NINE U.S. POLICY AND LONG-TERM GOALS REGARDING THESE TWO ISSUES. HE SAID THAT THE NINE APPRECIATED VERY MUCH THE TIMELY CYPRUS CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS, AND IN WASHINGTON INVOLVING THE FRENCH EMBASSY AND STABLER AND HARTMAN. THESE EXCHANGES ARE USEFUL IN UNDERSTANDING THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION. HOWEVER, CONTINUED DE MARGERIE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE NINE TO HAVE A BETTER GRASP OF THE SECRETARY'S LONG-TERM CONCEPTUAL THINKING ON THE GREEK AND CYPRUS ISSUES.

3. IN THE CASE OF GREECE, FOR EXAMPLE, DE MARGERIE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY AT NATO, CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF THE NEW GREEK SITUATION ON THE ALLIANCE. BUT, HE CONTINUED, THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF A DEMOCRATIC REGIME IN GREECE AND THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, AND GREECE OVER THE LONG TERM POSED A MUCH BROADER ISSUE. IT WAS WITHIN THIS BROADER CONTEXT THAT DE MARGERIE SUGGESTED US - EC-NINE DISCUSSIONS.

4. DE MARGERIE ADDED THAT PERHAPS THE AFTER-TASTE OF LAST YEAR'S US-EUROPEAN TENSIONS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A CERTAIN SENSE OF SUSPICION ON THE PART OF WASHINGTON REGARDING EUROPE'S ROLE AND PURPOSE IN THE GREEK AFFAIR. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE EC-NINE WAS IN NO WAY ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH OR REPLACE THE US IN GREECE. RATHER, THE EUROPEANS WERE SIMPLY TRYING TO DO THEIR BEST TO ENCOURAGE THE DEMOCRATIC REGIME OF KARAMANLIS TO REMAIN ALIGNED WITH THE WEST. THE EUROPEANS FEEL THAT WHAT GREECE NEEDS NOW MORE THAN ANYTHING IS THE MORAL SUPPORT

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OF ITS WESTERN FRIENDS. IN ANY EVENT, CONCLUDED DE MARGERIE, A FRANK DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EC-NINE OF THE LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR GREECE AND FOR CYPRUS WOULD INSURE THAT EACH SIDE BETTER UNDERSTOOD THE INTERESTS AND PERCEPTIONS OF THE OTHER. FURTHERMORE, SUCH CONSULTATIONS COULD REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NEEDLESS CONFLICT THAT SOMETIMES OCCURS WHEN WE ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF THE PURPOSES OF EACH

OTHER.

5. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: WHILE DE MARGERIE IS A LOYAL MEMBER OF THE QUAI TEAM, HE IS ALSO KNOWN TO US AS A FRIEND OF CLOSE U.S.-EUROPEAN COOPERATION. HIS

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COMMENTS HAVE THE RING OF THOSE OF AN INFORMED SENIOR OFFICIAL WHO WANTS TO PRESERVE THE RELATIVE HARMONY THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. SEEN FROM HERE, DE MARGERIE'S SUGGESTION FOR CONTINUING AND DEEPENING SUBSTANTIVE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EC-NINE ON GREECE AND CYPRUS MAKES A GOOD DEAL OF SENSE. THIS IS THE SORT OF SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE THAT SHOULD BE CARRIED ON BETWEEN CLOSE ALLIES LIKE THE UNITED STATES AND THE EC-NINE IN

THE SPIRIT OF THE GYMnich FORMULA AND THE NATO DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS.

6. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER DISCUSSING THE CYPRUS AND GREEK ISSUES WITHIN THE BROADER CONTEXT DESCRIBED ABOVE DURING YOUR MEETING WITH SAUVAGNARGUES. THIS NEED NOT, OF COURSE, EXCLUDE SIMILAR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS
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WITH OTHER KEY FOREIGN MINISTERS (E.G., UK, FRG, ITALY). SUCH AN INITIATIVE WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO DO ITS PART IN MAKING THE U.S.-EUROPEAN DIALOGUE A MECHANISM FOR COOPERATION.

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